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WEATHER

Temperature highs ranged from the mid 50s to low 80s in the mountains, mid 60s to low 90s along the coast, mid 60s to mid 90s in the valley, and mid 70s to mid 100s in the desert. Temperature lows ranged from the low 30 to mid 50s in the mountains, high 30s to mid 50s along the coast, mid 40s to mid 70s in the valley, and low 50s to high 70s in the desert.

FIELD CROPS

In Tulare County, winter grain plants such as **wheat**, **oats** and **barley** were maturing. In other areas, winter small grains including wheat were ready for harvesting. Fields began to be planted with **cotton** and prepped for **corn** planting. **Alfalfa** continued to be cut, dried and baled. **Rice** planting continued on schedule due to favorable weather conditions.

FRUIT CROPS

Stone fruit development was ongoing. **Nectarines**, **peaches**, and **plums** continued to size well. **Cherry** harvest began for some early varieties. **Apple** and **pear** growth progressed with reports of good quality pear fruit. **Pomegranate**, **persimmon**, and **grape** leaf out continued and consistent warm weather assisted with the budding of grape vines. **Valencia orange**, **lemon**, **lime**, **tangelo**, **pomelo**, and **mandarin** harvests steadily progressed. Late Navel **orange** and **grapefruit** harvests began to wrap up for the season. Seedless **tangerine** groves continued to be tented to prevent cross pollination. **Olives** were blooming. **Strawberry** harvest maturation and harvest slowed in a few areas due to cool coastal temperatures. Early **blueberries** were harvested and shipped for domestic and export markets.

NUT CROPS

Orchard maintenance continued and new nut orchards were prepped for planting. **Almond** set appears to be good with highly favorable weather conditions. Almond orchard floors were treated with herbicides and adjuvants. **Walnut** tassels have reached full length in some areas of the state. **Pistachio** leaf out progressed at a normal rate.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Asparagus harvest continued, **tomatoes** for processing continued to be planted. In Tulare County, summer vegetable crops continued to be planted and have developed well with the warm temperatures and adequate rains. Spring and winter vegetables were being harvested and sold at local roadside stands and farmers' markets. Local small plantings of **garlic**, **onions** and **peas** were growing well under mulch.

LIVESTOCK

Rangeland grasses and forbs were flourishing in the warm weather. Foothill rangeland and non-irrigated pasture were reported to be in good to excellent condition. Movement of cattle to higher elevation pasture continued. Some bee hives were moved out of state.

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 05/03/2020											
STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE HOURS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION 1/			
	Average Week Ending 05/03/2020	Departure from Normal 2/	High	Low	This Year	Normal Year 2/	This Season	This Week	This Season	Normal Season 2/	Normal Year 2/
					January 1- 05/03/2020	January 1- 05/03/2020	October 1- 05/03/2020	Week Ending 05/03/2020	Oct 1- 05/03/2020	Oct 1- 05/03/2020	Oct 1- Sept 30
-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days 3/ --	-- Inches of Precipitation --				
North Coast											
Eureka WFO	54	2	64	40	0	0	77	0.68	25.38	37.15	40.53
Ukiah	61	2	86	41	70	0	56	0.02	12.91	35.46	37.61
Santa Rosa	62	4	86	39	63	0	48	0.00	18.06	34.69	36.51
Napa State Hospital	62	5	83	40	41	0	42	0.00	8.58	19.27	20.52
Central Coast											
San Francisco	60	2	71	50	37	0	43	0.00	8.89	20.07	20.79
San Jose	64	2	84	50	96	22	43	0.00	7.10	14.38	15.02
Salinas	61	3	73	50	39	0	40	0.00	9.01	12.32	12.91
Monterey	61	6	71	47	31	0	58	0.00	18.23	15.49	16.23
Paso Robles	66	6	93	42	91	4	43	0.00	11.34	12.30	12.87
Sacramento Valley											
Redding	69	7	93	46	180	22	56	0.60	19.97	31.54	34.80
Red Bluff	70	7	95	46	197	34	38	0.00	9.59	22.35	24.63
Willows	70	7	91	48	207	43	28	0.00	7.04	21.72	23.67
Oroville	72	9	94	56	218	40	38	0.00	10.65	29.57	31.72
Marysville	69	6	92	50	147	30	39	0.00	9.04	20.97	22.88
Sacramento	68	6	91	48	140	20	37	0.00	9.68	20.14	21.35
San Joaquin Valley											
Stockton	69	6	92	49	182	32	39	0.00	8.00	13.30	14.14
Modesto	71	6	91	54	195	94	36	0.00	6.48	12.24	13.19
Merced Macready	70	7	91	50	158	34	36	0.00	9.35	11.67	12.59
Madera	69	5	91	49	145	46	34	0.00	5.81	11.22	12.10
Fresno	73	7	91	55	251	98	37	0.00	7.52	10.81	11.57
Lemoore	70	6	92	49	171	52	36	0.00	6.99	7.45	7.95
Visalia	71	6	92	52	196	74	29	0.00	8.16	10.39	10.99
Bakersfield	72	6	92	56	271	114	32	0.00	7.03	6.16	6.51
Cascade Sierra											
Alturas	53	6	80	32	1	0	55	0.22	7.11	10.89	14.22
Mount Shasta	56	6	81	34	5	0	58	0.10	17.23	38.88	43.48
Blue Canyon	55	6	74	42	6	0	66	0.00	33.71	59.17	65.00
Yosemite Valley	64	10	83	45	40	0	41	0.00	16.07	33.75	36.97
South Coast											
Santa Maria	61	4	80	46	52	0	40	0.00	10.40	13.57	14.05
Santa Barbara	66	7	84	53	106	0	33	0.00	11.49	17.14	17.89
Oxnard	62	4	70	53	95	0	33	0.00	11.53	14.28	14.71
Riverside	71	5	90	55	286	123	30	0.00	10.76	11.77	12.50
Los Angeles	67	5	75	60	319	27	35	0.00	13.03	12.37	12.92
San Diego	69	6	77	64	309	80	46	0.00	13.46	10.06	10.42
Southeast Interior											
Bishop	70	11	94	43	111	0	20	0.00	2.25	4.36	5.21
Daggett	79	10	101	60	303	196	19	0.00	5.88	3.05	4.08
Lancaster	72	9	95	52	145	40	29	0.00	10.65	6.97	7.43
Thermal	84	10	103	65	664	514	18	0.00	5.20	2.60	3.22
Blythe	85	9	106	63	625	574	21	0.00	5.04	2.60	3.85
Imperial	84	10	104	64	590	532	13	0.00	2.06	2.45	3.46

1/ Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice).

2/ Normal periods 1980-2010 used in departure from normal calculations.

3/ Total number of days with precipitation events this season.

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